

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS18771

The purpose of this legislation is to prohibit the operation of neighborhood electric vehicles (NEV) on any highway with a posted speed limit of over 35 miles per hour. The legislation also prohibits NEVs from crossing any highway with a posted speed limit greater than 45 miles per hour. Currently, the law prohibits the operation of such vehicles on highways with a posted speed limit of over 25 MPH. This is an uncomplicated piece of legislation and will permit electric vehicles to travel on roads posted with reasonably low speed limits (35 MPH) and will allow such vehicles to cross roadways with a slightly higher speed limit (45 MPH). The modest changes reflected in this legislation will allow the use of such as delivering supplies or reading water meters because such routes often require crossing or operating on roadways with posted speed limits higher than 25 MPH.

FISCAL NOTE

This legislation has no impact on the state General Fund nor funds of local government. It potentially increases the use of electric vehicles which offers future budget savings for business and all levels of government

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